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SUBJ: KOREA IN THE 30TH UNGA: PLENARY VOTE--QATAR

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1. SUMMARY: I HAVE EXPRESSED TO QATARI FOREIGN MINISTER OUR DIS-
APPOINTMENT AT GOQ'S ABSTENTION ON FRIENDLY RESOLUTION IN FIRST
COMMITTEE, AND URGED A POSITIVE QATARI VOTE IN PLENARY. FONMIN HAS
ACKNOWLEDGED PREVIOUSLY FAVORABLY GOQ DISPOSITION TOWARD FRIENDLY
RESOLUTION, BUT EXPLAINED THAT QATAR'S STATUS AS SMALL, NON-ALIGNED,
ARAB, DEVELOPING COUNTRY DICTATED ABSTENTION, AND THAT THIS POSITION
MOST LIKELY

TO BE MAINTAINED IN PLENARY. FONMIN POINTED OUT THAT

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HE HAD NEVER DEFINITELY COMMITTED GOQ TO "YES" VOTE. HE OBSERVED THAT

WE COULD OBTAIN CLOSER COOPERATION WITH GOQ ON SUCH ISSUES IF WE CONSULTED EARLY IN GAME WITH QATARI REPS ON SPOT; IN THIS CONNECTION, HE STRONGLY IMPLIED WE COULD NO LONGER RELY ON SAUDIS TO BRVAG GOQ INTO LINE. UK AND JAPANESE REPS HAVE WEIGHED IN IN DOHA. SAUDI AMB HAS RQNEIVED NO INSTRUCTIONS AND FRENCH AMB CONFIRMED THAT ANY GOF REPRESENTATIONS WILL BE MADE IN NEW YORK. END SUMMARY

2. ON NOV 17 I MET WITH QATARI FOREIGN MINISTER, SHAYKH SUHAYM BIN HAMAD AL THANI, TO URGE "YES" VOTE IN PLENARY ON FRIENDLY RESOLUTION RE KOREA. I EXPRESSED USG'S SURPRISE AND DISAPPOINTMENT AT GOQ'S ABSTENTION ON FRIENDLY RESOLUTION DURING FIRST COMMITTEE VOTE, PARTICULARLY SINCE THIS WAS STEP BACK FROM GOQ POSITION IN 29TH GA, AND SINCE IT RAN COUNTER TO POSITIVE INDICATIONS GIVEN TO ME BY BONMIN HIMSELF AND TO VISITING ROK REPS. I STRESSED EQUALLY THAT IMPORTANCE USG ATTACHES TO FAVORABLE VOTE FOR FRIENDLY RESOLUTION IN PLENARY SINCE, IN ESSENCE, THIS MATTER WAS A FRONT LINE SECURITY ISSUE FOR USG AND MOST IMPORTANT ITEM ON AGENDA OF THIS SESSION.

MEM IN RESPONSE, SUHAYM ACKNOWLEDGE GOQ'S PREVIOUSLY GENERALLY FAVORABLE DISPOSITION TOWARD FRIENDLY RESOLUTION. HOWEVER, SUHAYM SAID THAT HE HAD CAREFULLY REVIEWED RECORD OF OUR PREVIOUS CONVERSATIONS AND THOSE HE HAD HAD WITH ROK REPS, AND THAT HE HAD NEVER DEFINITELY COMMITTED GOQ TO VOTE FOR FRIENDLY RESOLUTION. ACCORDING SUHAYM, HE HAD CONSISTENTLY BEEN CAREFUL TO SAY THAT FINAL GOQ VOTE WOULD BE DETERMINED BY ON-THE-SPOT ASSESSMENT IN NEW YORK AT TIME OF VOTING. (COMMENT: OUR RECORDS MORE OR LESS BEAR SUHAYM OUT ON THIS POINT, AT LEAST CONCERNING HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH ME. HOWEVER, VISITING ROK REPS TOLD US THAT SUHAYM HAD GIVEN THEM FIRM ASSURANCES OF SUPPORT.)

4. SUHAYM INDICATED THAT GOQ'S ON-THE-SCENE ASSESSMENT IN NEW YORK HAD DICTATED ABSTENTION. DESCRIBING QATAR AS NON-ALIGNED, ARAB, SMALL, DEVELOPING COUNTRY, HE ASSERTED THAT "NEUTRAL" ABSTENTION WAS MOST APPROPRIATE STANCE. HE CLAIMED GOQ HAD KEPT FAITH WITH US BY NOT VOTING "AGAINST" FRIENDLY RESOLUTION. HE NOTED THAT ALGERIANS HAD VOICED THEIR SHARP DISPLEASURE TO QATARIS ABOUT THEIR ABSTENTION POSTURE.

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5. I URGED SUHAYM TO CHANGE GOQ ABSTENTION TO POSITIVE VOTE ON FRIENDLY RESOLUTION IN PLENARY. HE COUNTERED THAT HE REGARDED PRESENT ABSTENTION POSTURE AS A POSITIVE POSITION WHICH UNLIKELY TO BE CHANGED. (HOWEVER, HE DID NOT COMPLETELY PRECLUDE CHANGE SINCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDARD GOQ PRACTICE, FINAL DECISION ON QATARI VOTE WILL BE DETERMINED BY SITUATION DURING VOTING IN NEW YORK.)

6. SUHAYM THEN SPOKE AT SOME LENGTH ON THE NEED FOR IMPROVED US-GOQ

COORDINATION ON SUCH ISSUES AS KOREAN QUESTION. HE EMPHASIZED THAT QATARIS WANTED CLOSE COOPERATION AND TIES WITH US SINCE OUR INTERESTS WERE BASICALLY COMPATIBLE, PARTICULARLY IN FREE WORLD VERSUS COMMUNIST WORLD CONTEXT. IN THIS CONNECTION, HE STRESSED THAT QATARIS DEEP ISLAMIC FAITH DICTATED SUCH AN ATTITUDE. SUHAYM ASSERTED THAT SUCH COORDINATION MUST BEGIN EARLY AND BE CONTINUOUS IN NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON WHERE GOQ ABLY REPRESENTED. HE OBSERVED THAT WE SHOULD INTERACT MORE WITH QATARI REPS ON THE SCENE, AND THAT "LAST MINUTE" URGENT REPRESENTATIONS ON SUCH PROBLEMS AS KOREAN ISSUE WERE NOT RPT NOT ACCEPTABLE PROCEDURE. HE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD WHY US IN FIRST INSTANCE COORDINATED CLOSELY WITH SAUDIS AS FULCRUM IN AREA, BUT HE STRONGLY IMPLIED THAT WE COULD NO LONGER COUNT ON GOQ TO ACCEPT POSITIONS WORKED OUT WITH SAUDIS WITHOUT CONSULTING WITH QATARIS ALONG THE WAY. HE INDICATED GOQ WOULD INSIST ON GETTING IN ON ACT FROM BEGINNING WHILE RESOLUTIONS WERE IN PROCESS OF BEING DRAFTED, AMENDED, ETC. HE OBSERVED THAT IF WE TOOK QATARIS INTO OUR CONFIDENCE AT EARLY STAGES WE COULD BE ASSURED THAT CLOSER IDENTITY OF VIEWS WOULD FOLLOW NATURALLY.

7. I TOOK EXCEPTION TO SUHAYM'S IMPLICATION THAT OUR REPRESENTATIONS ON KOREAN PROBLEM HAD BEEN A LAST MINUTE CRASH PROGRAM. I RECALLED THAT THIS WAS OUR FOURTH SEPARATE CONVERSATION ON SUBJECT AND OUR DISCUSSIONS HAD BEGUN LAST JUNE. HE ANSWERED THAT HE WAS NOT CRITICIZING THE DOHA END OF OUR DIALOGUE, BUT FACT THAT QATARI REPS WERE IGNORED IN NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON. HE REITERATED THAT GOQ WANTED A DIRECT IN, AND THAT THIS WOULD PAY OFF FOR US.

8. RE OTHER COUNTRY EFFORTS TO CHANGE QATARI POSITION ON FRIENDLY RESOLUTION, UK AMB, UNDER INSTRUCTIONS, SPOKE TO NUMBER TWO MAN IN FOREIGN MINISTRY NOV 16. HE WAS TOLD CHANGE NOT RPT NOT LIKELY, ALTHOUGH WEIGHT OF OTHER REPRESENTATIONS AND SITUATION IN NEW YORK COULD HAVE SOME EFFECT. SAUDI AMB TOLD US NOV 17 THAT HE HAS RECEIVED NO RPT NO INSTRUCTIONS FROM JIDDA. SAUDI AMB SAID THAT GOQ AMB TO CONFIDENTIAL

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SAUDI ARABIA IS IN TOWN AND HE WOULD SEEK HIM OUT TO LEARN WHETHER SAG FOREIGN MINISTRY HAD SPOKEN TO HIM IN JIDDA ON KOREAN ISSUE. SAG AMB SAID HE WOULD CONSIDER SEEKING INSTRUCTIONS FROM JIDDA, BUT GIVEN FOREIGN MINISTER'S APPARENTLY FIRM ATTITUDE TO MAINTAIN PRESENT ABSTENTION POSTURE, HE WONDERED WHETHER EVEN SAUDI PRESSURE WOULD BE EFFECTIVE. JAPANESE CHARGE HAS SO FAR BEEN UNABLE TO SEE FOREIGN MINISTER, BUT PLANNING TO SEND NOTE URGING CHANGE OF VOTE. FRENCH AMB CONFIRMED THAT GOF WILL DO WHAT IT IS GOING TO DO IN NEW YORK. HE WAS NOT UP TO DATE ON STATE OF PLAY. HE SAID HE WAS TOLD IN PARIS THAT AMB RUSH HAD PERSONALLY SPOKEN TO AMIR ON SUBJECT DURING AMIR'S VISIT. WE RESPONDED THAT WE KNEW EMBASSY PARIS HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH AMIR'S DELEGATION, BUT DID NOT BELIEVE THAT AMBASSADOR HAD HANDLED MATTER WITH AMIR.

9. COMMENT: IT APPEARS THAT GOQ WILL STICK WITH ITS ABSTENTION

POSTURE IN PLENARY. IT IS CLEAR THAT WE CAN NO LONGER RELY ON
SAUDIS TO BRING QATARIS INTO LINE. IT IS LOUD AND CLEAR THAT WE
ARE GOING TO HAVE TO PAY MORE ATTENTION TO QATARI REPS ON SCENE IF
WE ARE TO OBTAIN GOQ'S COOPERATION ON SUCH ISSUES.
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